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Patent

Attorney's Docket No. 033192-007

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of )  
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Terutsugu GOTANDA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3612  
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Application No.: 09/988,648 ) Examiner: K. Patel  
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Filed: November 20, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 8855  
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For: SHOCK ABSORBING MEMBER )  
AND BUMPER )

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	18	MINUS 20 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0.00
Total Amendment Fee					0.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 17, 2002, kindly amend the application identified above in the following manner.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Kindly cancel Claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the claimed subject matter.*

*Kindly replace Claim 2 as follows.*

2. (Amended) A vehicle bumper comprising:

a bumper reinforce;

a hollow crash box, which extends from the bumper reinforce, wherein the crash box has a first end, which is coupled to the bumper reinforce, and a second end, which is

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